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On the cover: Lt. Gen. Gary North, U.S. Central Command Air Force commander, passes the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing guidon to incoming commander Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon. General Lyon assumed command of the 379th AEW Tuesday. See story on Pages 4 and 5.

New AEW commander: mission, people focused

by Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon
379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander

It's great to join the team of expeditionary warriors here at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. I've talked to a lot of people about the wing as I prepared to "take the stick" and I can tell you the wing has an outstanding reputation—as a team of professionals who come together during each AEF cycle to form a premier war fighting unit.

The wing's mission is vital to protect our nation's interests as we continue to wage war, joined by our host nation and coalition partners, against terrorists across the region. I am dedicated to providing you the resources and support you need to fly, fight and win! At the same time, we will continue to make the 379th AEW a better place to live in and operate from; all while developing our Airmen to meet their maximum potential.

Whether you're an Airman, Sailor, Soldier, Marine, civilian, contractor or a coalition partner, we collectively have an important job to do and I have the utmost confidence each of you will continue to perform in a way that makes our nations and families proud. As I make my



Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon
379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander

way around the base, I look forward to getting to know you and seeing you in action. Keep up the great work.

The Action Line is your direct link to me. Use it if you have questions or comments about the base which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command or base agencies. Each question will be reviewed and answered, and may be published on a case-by-case basis.
E-mail actionline@auab.centaf.af.mil

Commander's Action Line

Comment: I have been asked by some of my troops about Webcam connectivity. Hotmail and Yahoo are allowed; why not instant messaging with webcam? They want to know why we are not allowed when some other forward operating locations have the capability and are allowed to use it.

I understand their rationale in that "Internet communication" is cheaper and easier than DSN calls.

I'm sure morale will also be better if we have the capability for everyone to connect with loved ones on a more personal note.

I can see and also agree with their point of view, that is why I don't really have a good answer for them as to why it isn't allowed, so please enlighten me.

Thank you.

Response: This is a common question we receive. Unfortunately, our military networks have limited bandwidth available and the use of webcams are prohibited. Using webcams here would quickly clog the available bandwidth and would prevent the network from being available to support mission requirements.

To improve our Airmen's ability to communicate with friends and family back home, we have been working with AAFES and they will open a Cyber Café where you will have commercial Internet access with webcams similar to what is offered in other locations in the AOR. We expect this to open prior to the end of AEF 7/8.

Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon,
379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander

Attitude means everything at the 379th AEW

by Lt. Col. Susan Ferrera
379th Expeditionary Services Squadron
commander

"The Winner's Edge," written by Denis Waitley, states, "The real leaders in business, in the professional community, in education, in government, and in the home, draw upon a special cutting edge that separates them from the rest of society. The winner's edge is not in a gifted birth, in a high IQ, or in talent. The winner's edge is in the attitude, not aptitude."

We've all seen professional sports teams boast about how much talent they drafted or how much money they are paying some players because of their skills. They think talent alone is enough. However, some of these teams do not always have the most successful, most winning seasons, because it takes more than talent to make a successful, winning team. It takes attitude, and a great one at that.

In our own military teams, we've seen where a great attitude can energize people to perform amazing feats. Great attitudes spark pride and enthusiasm to complete tasks right the first time and every time thereafter. A great attitude, combined with professional skills and expertise, i.e. "talent," propels a unit to achieve the unachievable and rise to ever greater heights of productivity and mission accomplishment. Simply put, a great attitude put together with great talent equals a great team.

Unfortunately, we've also seen military

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379th Expeditionary Services
Squadron commander

units where a bad or negative attitude produces mediocre or substandard results. These units have the talent, but a poor way of thinking prevents them from achieving outstanding results. Rotten attitudes are harmful to a team. They hinder a unit's ability to complete tasks on time and correctly; hamper mission accomplishment, and in some cases, produce detrimental consequences. Although a unit may have a huge amount of talent and all the team members are considered "A" players, if those "A" players have terrible attitudes, then you are going to get a bad team.

So, you might now be wondering and asking yourself, "What can I do to have a positive attitude?" "What steps can I take to be part of a great team?" "How can I contribute?"

The first step is to tell yourself every day that

you are important to the team. Tell yourself that you matter. Tell yourself that your talent and skills are necessary to accomplish the mission. Tell yourself that you are part of a great team of professional, talented men and women who are depending on you. Tell yourself you are proud to be a member of that great team.

The second step is to be encouraging to others, especially your teammates. Be helpful, optimistic and always upbeat no matter how big the task or problem looms in front of you. Be confident and strong in your abilities and others around you will also be confident and strong. A positive attitude is like wildfire ... it will spread fast.

The last step you can take to keep and maintain a positive attitude is to be thankful. Focus on the many things provided to you each day to do your job, to be safe, and to be a part of something larger than yourself ... the defense of our nation. Don't dwell on things you don't have or things you think you need. Instead, always look at the good and not the bad and ugly.

Are you walking around with a negative outlook because it's hot? Because your supervisor is asking more of you than you think can give? Because the pool is closed and you can't swim or sunbathe? We all have dozens of reasons we can give to have a poor attitude everyday. However, we all have an infinite number of reasons we can give to have a great attitude everyday. Remember, attitude IS everything!

Water down



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Stephens

Senior Airman Jeffrey Curl, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing fire and emergency services firefighter, takes a moment to drink water while working on the flightline. Servicemembers and personnel stationed here should drink about six quarts of water a day to stay healthy. (Information courtesy of the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group)

General Lyon takes reigns as new

by Capt. Teresa Sullivan
Chief, 379th AEW Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Charles Lyon assumed command of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in a ceremony June 5.

Ninth Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander Lt. Gen. Gary North ceremonially passed the guidon from outgoing commander Brig. Gen. Charles Shugg to General Lyon as dictated in upholding military tradition.

The wing is responsible for providing combat air power with more than 100 combat aircraft and 8,000 war fighters for U.S. Central Command operations to include Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.

“It is no small task to command our largest, most diverse expeditionary wing in the Air Force,” said General North said to the joint and coalition servicemembers assembled to witness the ceremony. “This wing has met that challenge and has excelled under General Shugg’s rock-solid leadership.”

While in command, General Shugg led more than 24,000 Airmen, four AEF rotations and the execution of more than 37,000 combat sorties.

Over the past year the wing kept their focus on the mission, employing over 300 tons of weapons, airlifting 250,000 passengers, moving 81,000 tons of cargo and transporting blood to

42 medical facilities in the theater. The 379th also added the B-1 to its lineup and made strides to increase the effectiveness of the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. Small diameter bombs were integrated into the theater of operations and aircraft Centralized Intermediate Repair Facilities were established, saving the Air Force \$8 million and providing the war fighter with aircraft rapid repair and replacement capability. To provide Airmen with “a home away from home,” 14 new mission facilities were built, services events thrived, and the theater’s largest lodging operation in the area of responsibility was further developed, according to General Shugg.

Prior to passing the torch to General Lyon, General Shugg said a few words of farewell to the men and women he commanded the past year.

“What you do here is not only critical to America’s national defense, it’s critical to the entire world,” said General Shugg. The general was tapped to take command of the Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Center of Excellence at Creech Air Force Base, Nev. “You are making history by bringing freedom to those who so desperately deserve it. Everyday, you energized me with your enthusiasm for the mission and focused dedication.”

General North said the wing will be in good hands under General Lyon’s leadership. “General Lyon has all the requisite training and preparation – the ‘right stuff’” to command the

379th Air Expeditionary Wing.”

General Lyon comes to the wing from the Pentagon where he served as the Deputy Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Strategic Plans and Programs.

Upon assumption of command General Lyon took time to thank General North, his predecessor, General Shugg and the host nation for their support. He then spoke directly to the men and women of the wing letting them know he’s proud to be their commander, that they’re making a difference in the Global War on Terrorism.

“You are providing outstanding support to our brothers in arms who are waging war on the ground every day,” he said. “You’re maintaining global reach through lift and sustainment, global vigilance through persistent ISR, and global power over long-range with massive payload allowing our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and battlefield Airmen to employ as part of the most awesome joint team ever seen.”

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 500 combat hours in Iraq and Serbia in the F-16 Fighting Falcon and RQ-1 Predator. He entered the Air Force in 1981 upon graduation from the Citadel and has served in various operational and staff assignments to include F-16 weapons instructor pilot, special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, fighter squadron and operations group commander.

Master Sgt. Scott Menges, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, welcomes Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon, 379th AEW commander, following his change-of-command ceremony Tuesday.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Stephens

newest 379th AEW commander



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Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon,
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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Tyler



Photo by Senior Airman Clark Staehle

Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, eats lunch with the base first sergeant and Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd Hollen, 379th AEW command chief. The general discussed quality of life issues with the first sergeants.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Stephens

(From left) Tech. Sgt. Brian Hill, Staff Sgt. Denvince Jackson, Staff Sgt. Angel Gonzales, Senior Airman Brock Cochran, and Tech. Sgt. Sascha Harmon, all with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Honor Guard, post the colors during the 379th AEW change of command Tuesday.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Cassandra Locke

Tech. Sgt. John Kiniry, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, checks to make sure a fuel bladder is properly fastened. Fuel bladders hold about 200,000 gallons each and there are 38 bladders here. About 15 million gallons of fuel are stored on base and 1 million gallons are delivered by day.

Airmen fuel flight at record pace

by Staff Sgt. Cassandra Locke
NCOIC, 379th AEW Public Affairs

With the operations tempo and amount of aircraft sorties being flown a day, how do the flight crews stop for gas?

The volume of fuel moved at this base between receiving it, transferring it and issuing it is more than any other base in the Air Force and the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron is doing it with innovation in an expeditionary environment.

Fuel comes through the base gate and the quality of the fuel is checked by the professionals in the 379th ELRS fuels management flight.

Then the trucks proceed to the tank truck off-loading facility. The base previously had receiving outlets that enabled four fuel trucks to off-load at a time, taking about 40 minutes per truck. Since January, the base has added an additional offloading facility that can offload eight trucks in 20 minutes.

"This has increased the ability to receive twice as much fuel in half the time," said Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Walker, 379th ELRS.

The chief said the squadron receives about 95 trucks a day. After the trucks are off loaded the fuel is transferred into one of thirty-eight 210,000 gallon fuel bladders or into one of the two newly



Staff Sgt. Marcos Rosario, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, records the differential pressure on a filter separator June 11.

constructed hydrant systems. Here the fuel is stored until it is needed on the flight line.

"Over 14 million gallons of fuel are stored on base and the Airmen assigned to the fuels flight issue 1 million gallons each day," said Chief Walker.

During the recent AEF turnover, the mission didn't stop and the ELRS members continued to press on through the transition.

"We were able to swap out 91 personnel and have them trained, qualified, and working as a team to meet the increased fuel demand with zero delay to aircraft sorties attributed to fuel support,"

said Master Sgt. Eric Green, 379th ELRS.

Throughout and since the turnover, the Airmen have been breaking records that were seemingly impossible before.

"We most recently broke our record May 22 when we issued 1,136,396 gallons. This was just three days after we previously broke the record," said Sergeant Green.

"Since the start of this year, our daily average for gallons issued has steadily climbed. We have broken the daily issue record five times alone since I've been here (Feb. 20)."

On top of the record breaking statistics of the squadron, most of the Airmen have to be trained on equipment they have never used throughout their career and have only seen in technical school and career development courses.

"More impressively is that these new folks had to be trained on Pantographs, R-12 Hydrant Servicing Vehicles, and Fuels Mobility Support Equipment," said Sergeant Green.

These record breaking Airmen have made it possible for the flight crews to keep up with the operations tempo and combat sorties. The Airmen have been challenged to perform at a stellar pace and have done so working for a base that moves more fuel than any other base in the Air Force.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Stephens

Firefighters with the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight respond to an emergency on the flightline involving a B-1B Lancer May 31. Their efforts helped save the multi-million-dollar jet.

Expeditionary firefighters save B-1B Lancer

by Senior Airman Clark Staehle
Editor

The 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services flight here proved they are ready for action at a moment's notice when they responded to a fire on the flight line May 31.

A B-1B Lancer about to take off reported a hot-brake emergency on the flight line, which means its brakes became overheated and were in danger of catching fire.

The 379th ECES fire alarm communications center received the call about the emergency around 11 a.m. Within one minute, the fire department responded with its entire fleet of aircraft rescue firefighting vehicles. Once on scene, quick-attack firefighting lines were

deployed to immediately extinguish the sparks helping to minimize any damage to the aircraft caused by excessive heat. Emergency officials also set up a 300-foot cordon with an entry control point around the plane to ensure safety at the scene.

Fire and emergency services Airmen stayed on hand to ensure there were no flare ups. To help minimize the risk of the fire re-igniting, the crews set up positive pressure ventilation fans to help direct cooler air on the stressed machinery. PPV fans move large amounts of air and help dissipate heat and remove smoke in buildings.

About 25 minutes later, a large fire erupted engulfing the left main landing gear, but was soon extinguished by the fire crews standing by.

"The quick efforts of the Airmen assigned to the fire and emergency services flight helped save the Air Force from the loss of a valuable asset," said Senior Master Sgt. Dale Hankins, 379th ECES installation fire chief. "Within approximately one minute, firefighting crews had the fire under control, and within a minute and a half, the fire was extinguished."

"There is unequivocally no doubt that if it was not for the exemplary actions and expedient response by the Fire and Emergency Services Flight, this multi-million dollar war-fighting platform would have sustained irreversible damage," he said.

B-1s fly about three sorties per day as part of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM providing aerial top cover for ground forces.

Desert Eagle Team gears up for Wingman Week

by Senior Airman Clark Staehle
Editor

Airmen with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing will have the opportunity to participate in Wingman Week, beginning Monday and ending Friday.

"The 379th AEW typically has Wingman Week during each rotation cycle," said Capt. Charles Knapp. "It's an opportunity to allow personnel to participate in activities tailored by

their unit, ultimately to enhance and reduce the risk of distractions and allowing the command to form a professional relationship on and off duty."

The week will focus bringing awareness to stress, safety, suicide prevention and sexual assault while emphasizing team building, communication and interaction with other Airmen.

Each group here will tailor and host their own activities, ranging from sports like

volleyball and dodgeball to game show-type activities.

Airmen will also participate and interact in discussions and briefings from first sergeants the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, chapel and more.

The week's activities will focus on making each Airman stationed here better wingmen to each other.

"The bottom line is we never leave a wingman behind," Captain Knapp said.

Quenching the battle with JP-8

Desert Eagle Team refuelers sustain air operations in AOR

By Senior Airman Clark Staehle
Editor

Providing around the clock responsive, flexible, and dependable air refueling is their mission -- delivering JP-8 to combat aircraft in colossal amounts is what they do.

The 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron here offloads more than 40 million pounds of fuel in a single month. This equates to about six times as much gas the average service station sells in the same amount of time.

"All the fuel in the aircraft can be either used by us while orbiting in the theater or offloaded to other aircraft," said Capt. Tony Ewers, 340th EARS KC-135 pilot from MacDill AFB, Fla.

"We usually carry about 200,000 pounds of fuel, which is approximately 30,000 gallons per mission."

The KC-135 Stratotankers and aircrews and maintainers who comprise the 340th EARS here are breaking records as fast as they can set them, more importantly enabling combat aircraft to maintain their presence in the area of operations.

In March, the squadron set a new record for sorties flown, fuel offloaded and hours logged. Every month thereafter they've continued to reach new milestones -- to include offloading its billionth pound of fuel last December.

The squadron logged more than 700 missions in May - including about 4,500 flight hours, 3,000 receivers and 40 million pounds of fuel. During that time, the squadron flew about half of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing's total sorties, providing

about half of all the fuel to the AOR.

"We're here to support the refueling needs in theater," the captain said. "We have about 40 crews and 30 planes, so whatever they need us to do, we'll do and wherever they need us to be, we'll be."

Typically, the aircraft's crew of three will refuel four or five fighters over the AOR in an average mission.

On a recent mission, a crew comprised of Captain Ewers, pilot, 1st Lt. Kurt Roen, copilot, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Janson, boom operator, refueled five jets over the AOR -- four F-16 Fighting Falcons and a Navy EA-6B Prowler, aircraft used for close air support and electronic countermeasures respectively.

The four F-16s were from Balad Air Base, and were actively supporting ground troops in combat through shows of force and close air support. The KC-135s extended their productivity by giving them fuel via the boom of the aircraft.

The tankers typically maintain an orbit high above the fighters supporting ground forces, so the fuel is there for them whenever they need it. As a result the planes can quickly return to the fight versus landing and refueling on the ground.

Many of the tankers here are configured to refuel planes using both a refueling boom and a drogue. The EA-6B was refueled using the plane's multipoint refueling system, which is mounted near both wing tips. The MPRS pods enable the crew to refuel any two fixed-wing aircraft in the military's inventory, including most fixed-wing coalition aircraft at the same time. Aircraft equipped with MPRS pods have served as force multipliers allowing

more aircraft to be refueled during any one mission.

"The MPRS pods enable us the capacity of refueling any jet up there - Air Force, Navy, Marines, British Tornados," Captain Ewers said. "It's very versatile."

The 340th EARS not only refuels U.S. aircraft, but also coalition jets. This keeps them busy and moving at record pace.

But the pilots wouldn't be able to put up record-breaking numbers if their aircraft weren't properly maintained by the Airmen of the 340th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

One thing that sets the 340th AMU apart from other AMUs here is it is comprised of Airmen from all of the five active duty stateside tanker bases.

"Every base operates a little differently, but due to the training we receive we blend well together," said Capt. Patrick Cain, 340th AMU officer in charge, from Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

The 340th EARS aren't the only ones setting exceeding expectations, the 340th AMU bolsters a 97.8 mission effective rate where only 2.2 percent of all the KC-135s launched didn't go up because of maintenance issues.

The 340th EARS has reached new heights in supporting the war fighter by providing millions of pounds of fuel sustaining air operations in the AOR. Many units come together to help make the mission in the Global War on Terrorism successful. The refuelers and maintainers of the 340th have done just that and continue to do so as part of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

KC-135 BY THE NUMBERS

The KC-135's fuel capacity is 31-275 gallons, or 203,228 pounds in 10 tanks. That's enough for a 30-mpg car to drive 938,250 miles.

The average passenger car can operate for more than a year on the amount of fuel transferred through the air-refueling boom in a single minute.

The total fuel carried on a single flight would be enough to last the driver for 46 years.

A gas station pump operating for 24 hours wouldn't pump as much fuel as a KC-135R pours through its boom in eight minutes.

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Fuel cells in the KC-135 are made of nylon fabric less than 1/16 of an inch thick. A fuel cell weighing 180 pounds will hold seven tons of fuel.



Photo by Senior Airman Clark Staehle

(Above) An F-16 with the 13th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Balad Air Base, Iraq, gets fuel from a KC-135 June 3. The Panthers of the 13th EFS are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from Misawa Air Base, Japan, to provide close air support for ground forces in Iraq. Topping off the jet takes between seven and eight minutes.



Photo by Senior Airman Clark Staehle



Photo by Senior Airman Clark Staehle

(Left) Staff Sgt. Jason Riker, 340th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, conducts a post-flight inspection on a KC-135 to make sure everything is in working order.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ken Stephens

379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron change of command

Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, presents the 379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron guidon to Maj. Eric Upton, signifying the squadron's change of command Thursday. Major Upton comes to us from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Tyler

379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron change of command

Col. William Mullins, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, presents the 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. John Harrison, signifying the squadron's change of command Wednesday. Colonel Harrison comes to us from Offut Air Force Base, Neb.

Understanding local clothing customs

Compiled by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Chapel

If and when you travel off base, you'll find that in the local's daily lives, many wear traditional clothing. For men this means a long, white shirt called a thobe worn over white trousers.

A loose headdress or head covering called a gutra (in white or red cloth) may also be worn, which is secured with four black, intricately braided, tasseled cords known as agal.

Women may wear a long, black, flowing dress called an abayah, the traditional form of hijab or Islamic modest dress for many countries of the Arabian peninsula and other parts of the Islamic world. Contemporary abayahs may be cut from light, flowing fabrics like crape, georgette and chiffon, and may be in colors other than black.

The dresses are discretely interwoven with delicate threads and patterns, each one an individual creation.

Women may also wear a black scarf or head covering called a shayla, and a veil called a niqab, which covers the entire face except for their eyes.

Some wear long, black gloves, so their hands are covered underneath the abayah.

The contrast between the men's white shirt and women's black dress can be breath-taking. The difference in colors symbolizes the difference between men and women, while the long shirt and dress indicate the similarities.

For special events, locals don ceremonial clothing, decorated with elaborate embroidery in both gold and silver. This clothing has been the inspiration for many international fashion designers.

Men put on special pilgrim's robes or ihram clothing when they go on a Hajj. A Hajj is a religious pilgrimage to the Holy cities of Mecca or Medina. These robes are two pieces of unhemmed white cloth. The top is draped over the torso and the bottom is secured by a belt. Women's clothing for Hajj varies considerably and reflects regional as well as religious influences.

A Hajj is a religious pilgrimage to the Holy cities of Mecca or Medina. It is one of the five pillars of Islam.

Many pilgrims preserve their ihram carefully. It will be their shroud when they are buried.

Wing Air Power Summary

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to the following airpower missions from June 1-5.

Bomber missions

AB-1B Lancer performed a show of force while attempting to deter incoming insurgents near Asadabad. Afterward, the Lancer provided a show of force and armed reconnaissance for a Coalition convoy struck by an improvised explosive device.

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer conducted a show of presence over a Coalition Route in Kajaki Dam.

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer conducted a show of force and shows of presence over a Coalition route in Oruzgan.

ISR missions

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Royal



Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance aircraft flying 85 missions in support of operations in Afghanistan.

Additionally, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Royal Air Force aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

Intra-theater airlift missions

U.S. Air Force C-130s and C-17s provided intra-theater heavy airlift support, helping to sustain operations throughout Afghanistan,

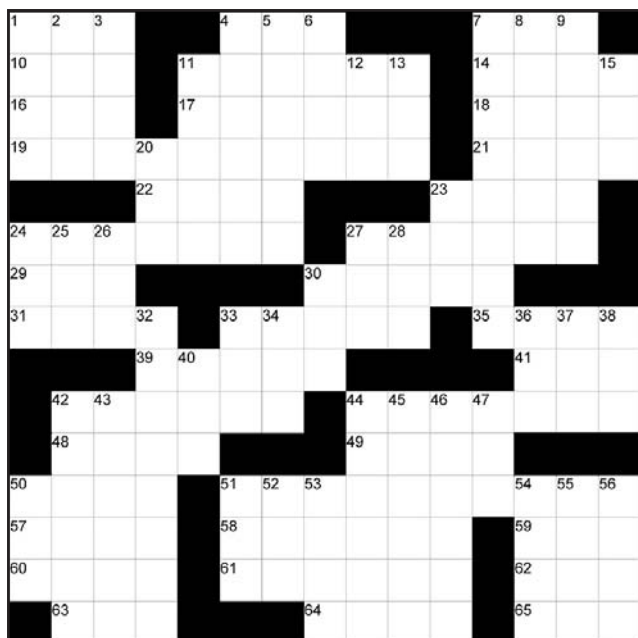
Iraq and the Horn of Africa. Approximately 630 airlift sorties were flown; more than 2760 tons of cargo were delivered, and approximately 10,783 passengers were transported.

The 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron loaded more than 744 tons of cargo. The total military aircraft worked were 90 inbound and 98 outbound.

The 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron delivered the cargo throughout the theater.

Air refueling missions

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to U.S. Air Force, Royal Air Force and Singapore Air Force aerial refueling crews who flew 135 sorties and off-loaded more than 8.2 million pounds of fuel.



General of the Army

by Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Get the total
4. Pro basketball org. once
7. School org.
10. Tract of open ground
11. Desires
14. Sea eagle
16. NY Giant Manning
17. Puzzle direction
18. Worthless pieces of cloth

51. General of the Armies, 1st among all others
57. Thought
58. A title of the emperor of Japan
59. ___ de Janeiro
60. Narrate
61. Nonsense
62. Freddie's street
63. Internet service, in brief
64. Geek
65. Hurricane center

DOWN

1. Away from the wind
2. Sandwich shop
3. Podium

19. WWII general promoted to 5-star rank
21. Gaelic who settled in N. Great Britain
22. Chief
23. Sonny's singing partner
24. Bugs
27. Member of an Iroquois people
29. Basic unit of electric current
30. Kitchen cover
31. Pacific island
33. Heart part
35. Big event
39. Slanted
41. Maya ___; Vietnam Memorial architect
42. Courier
44. WWII general promoted to 5-star rank
48. ___ Timor; country of W. Pacific
49. Bring in
50. To beat, w/ a whip

4. Redhead comic icon
5. British noblemen of the lowest rank
6. Declare
7. WWI general named General of the Armies
8. Sought out
9. Yarn or fabric made from Turkish goat
11. Aqueduct
12. 112°30' east of due north, in brief
13. Former Soviet country identifier
15. Std. time 5th time zone W. of Greenwich
20. Ambulance rider, in brief
23. Co. head
24. Sack
25. Flightless bird
26. Federal org. that protects environment
27. Choose
28. Gun lobby
30. Op or deco
32. WWII general promoted to 5-star rank
33. Cause pain, uneasiness or trouble to
34. Ancient
36. Everything
37. Fib
38. ___ Which Way You Can
40. Tit for ___; repayment in kind
42. Went that way
43. Art props
44. Function
45. Oakland player
46. WWII general promoted to 5-star rank
47. Adobe raw digital file format, in brief
50. Shining
51. Weapon w/ capacity to kill indiscriminately,
53. Hide
54. Oak or elm
55. Greasy
56. Alaska town



"Dang, MySpace is blocked through here too!"

The winner of Caption Contest No. 31 is Staff Sgt. Shawn Shahan, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. Congratulations!

Other submissions this week are:

"Thank goodness we have all of these computers now. Thinking was taking up too much of my time."

-Tech. Sgt. Don Otto,
8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron

"To start, press any key.' Where's the 'any' key?"

-Master Sgt. Paul Bumann, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Caption Contest



Rules

Photo No. 35

Try your hand at writing a caption for this week's photo. The author whose caption entry gets the most laughs - or groans - from our panel wins.

1. Write an imaginative, humorous, printable caption related to the Air Force.
2. E-mail caption entries to DESERT.EAGLE@auab.centaf.af.mil with the words 'Caption Contest' in the subject header.
3. Include the Caption Contest photo number you are referencing, your name, rank, deployed unit and phone number.
4. Winners are announced in the following paper.
5. Deadline for submission is noon Thursday.

WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Airman 1st Class Joshua Wullenweber

Aircraft Powerplant General Journeyman
379th Expeditionary Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Hendersonville, N.C.

Home station: Robins AFB, Ga.

Date arrived in AOR: May 1.

Deployment goals: To get in better physical shape and to learn as much as I can about my career field.

Best part of the deployment: Being deployed with a lot of good people.

Hobbies: Fishing working on my car, and hanging out with friends.

Best Air Force memory: Going to an Atlanta Braves game with the 14th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.



Tech. Sgt. David Billig

Air Transportation Craftsman
8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron

Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.

Home station: Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Date arrived in AOR: March 10

Deployment goals: Improve my fitness and take CLEP tests.

Best part of the deployment: Seeing my young Airmen learning more about their job and excelling at it.

Hobbies: My family, anything outdoors and my Harley.

Best AF memory: Meeting my wife and the birth of my boys.

Senior Airman Ronnie Bridgett

Precision Measurement Equipment
Laboratory Journeyman
379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Oakland, Ca.

Home station: McChord AFB, Wash.

Date arrived in AOR: May 4.

Deployment goals: To work out and get in shape.

Best part of the deployment: Saving money.

Hobbies: Trying new seafood recipes.

Best Air Force memory: Playing tourist while TDY to Andrews AFB, Md.





Sunday

2100 Jiu Jitsu
2200 Spin Class
2300 Salsa

Monday

0600 Power Yoga
0800 Step Class
0900 Spin Class
1800 Capoeira
1900 Abs
1900 Boxcercise (RED HORSE)
1930 X-tra Abs
2000 Salsa
2100 Jiu Jitsu

Tuesday

0500 Warrior Abs
0600 Sculpting
0900 Tone/Fit/Sculpt
1000 Jiu Jitsu

1100 Power Yoga
1800 Step Aerobics
1900 Extreme Core
1900 Circuit (RED HORSE)
2000 Power Yoga
2200 Spin Class
2300 Pai-Lum Kung Fu

Wednesday

0600 Spin/Abs
0800 Hatha Yoga
0900 Spin Class
1000 Jiu Jitsu
1800 Capoeira
1900 Abs
1930 X-tra Abs
2000 Tone/Fit/Spin
2130 Jiu Jitsu
2300 Pai-Lum Kung Fu

Thursday

0500 Warrior Abs
0600 Sculpting
0800 Step Class
0900 Tone/Fit/Sculpt

1100 Spin Class
1800 Step Aerobics
1900 Extreme Core
1900 Circuit (RED HORSE)
2000 Salsa
2300 Pai-Lum Kung Fu

Friday

0500 Circuit Training
0600 Power Yoga
1000 Jiu-Jitsu
1900 Abs
1930 X-tra Abs
2000 Salsa
2100 Jiu-Jitsu

Saturday

10600 Spin/Abs
0800 Hatha Yoga
1800 Capoeira
1900 Tone/Fit/Abs
2000 Xtra Abs
2100 Salsa
2200 Spin Class
2300 Pai-Lum Kung Fu



Chapel office hours are 0730 to 2300. Call the chapel at 437-8811.

MPR: Multi-Purpose Room

Conf: Conference Room

Sanct: Sanctuary

BSR: Blessed Sacrament Room

Monday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0730-0830 LDS Sacrament Service, Conf
0730-0830 ESFS Bible Study, MPR
1000-1030 Redeployment Brief (or online), Sanct/Conf
1130-1200 Daily Mass, BSR
1300-1500 Contemp. Band Practice, Sanct
1730-1800 Rosary, BSR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1900-2130 Gospel Service Musician Rehearsal, Sanct
2000-2100 LDS Sacrament Service, Conf
2000-2100 Women of Virtue, MPR
2130-2300 J STARS Bible Study, Conf

Tuesday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0800-0830 Morning Prayer, MPR
0900-1000 Friends of Bill W, Conf
1000-1030 Redeployment Brief (or online), Sanct/Conf
1130-1200 Daily Mass, BSR
1730-1800 Rosary, BSR
1700-1800 Church of Christ Bible Study, MPR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1900-2130 Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct
1930-2100 Men of Integrity, MPR
2100-2300 Gospel Service Dance Team, Sanct
2130-2300 J STARS Bible Study, Conf

Wednesday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0645-0700 Prot. Communion Service, MPR

1000-1030 Redeployment Brief (or online), Sanct/Conf
1130-1200 Daily Mass, BSR
1530-1700 Catholic Choir Practice, Sanct
1730-1800 Rosary, BSR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1800-1900 Mormon Bible Study, Conf
1900-2000 LDS Activity Night, MPR
1930-2030 Gospel Service Bible Study, Sanct
2000-2130 Officer's Christian Fellowship, Conf
2100-2300 Contemp Band Practice, Sanct

Thursday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0800-0900 Holy Communion & Bible Study, MPR
1000-1030 Redeployment Brief (or online), Conf
1130-1200 Daily Mass, BSR
1700-1815 Bible Study on Gospel of John, Conf
1730-1800 Rosary, BSR
1730-1900 Traditional Service Choir Rehearsal, Sanct
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1900-2000 Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct
2000-2100 Friends of Bill W, Conf
2100-2300 Gospel Service Dance Team, Sanct

Friday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
1000-1030 Redeployment Brief (or online), Conf
1130-1200 Daily Mass, BSR
1300-1430 Islamic Prayer, MPR
1300-1500 Contemporary Band Practice, Sanct
1730-1800 Rosary, BSR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1900-2000 Shabbat Evening Service, MPR
1900-2030 Shabbat Meal

1930-2030 Joy Night (A time of prayer, praise and encouragement), Sanct
2100-2300 Gospel Service Dance Team, Sanct

Saturday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
1030-1200 Seventh-Day Adventist, MPR
1530-1630 Catholic Choir Practice, Sanct
1730-1845 Jewish Study
1800-1930 Contemporary Band Practice, Sanct
1930-2045 Contemp Worship Service, Sanct
1930-2030 Buddhist Learning Group, MPR
1930-2100 Gospel Service Leaders Mtg, Conf
2030-2130 Wiccan/Earth-Based Group, MPR
2200-2230 Catholic Mass, Sanct

Sunday

0445-0615 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0800-0900 Catholic Mass, Sanct
0830-0930 Sunday School, Conf
0830-0930 Contemp Srvc Prayer Mtng, MPR
0930-1045 Contemp Worship Service, Sanct
0945-1100 Protestant Service @ CAOC 2nd-floor Conf
1000-1130 2 Peter Bible Study, MPR
1100-1200 Catholic Mass @ CAOC, 2nd floor Conf
1130-1230 Church of Christ Service, Sanct
1300-1400 Latter Day Saints Service, Sanct
1400-1500 LDS Sunday School, Sanct
1500-1600 Islamic Studies, Conf
1500-1515 Protestant Comm. Service, MPR
1600-1700 Traditional Prot. Service, Sanct
1715-1745 Catholic Reconciliation, Priest's Office
1800-1900 Catholic Mass, Sanct
1930-2100 Gospel Worship Service, Sanct
2000-2100 Friends of Bill W, Conf
(All programs and times are subject to change. For more information or to make a facility request please contact the Chapel at 437-8811.)

Services briefs

CAC Calendar of Events

Sunday	2000 Fight Night Rd 3 2300 8 Ball	2300 Halo 2
2000 Foosball 2300 Ping Pong		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
0300 Hearts 0800 Halo 2 1200 Ping Pong 1600 Yahtzee 2000 Texas Hold 'em 2300 Chess	0300 Foosball 0800 Chess 1200 Foosball (Dbls) 1600 Texas Hold 'em 2000 Dominoes 2300 Gin Rummy	0100 Hearts 0800 Texas Hold 'em 1200 Checkers 1600 8 Ball 2100 Spades 2300 Jenga
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
0100 Hearts 0800 Foosball 1200 Checkers 1600 Scrabble	0100 Ping Pong (Dbls) 0800 Chess 1200 Madden '07 (PS2) 1600 Yahtzee 2000 Gin Rummy	0100 Chess 0900 Bingo 1200 9 Ball 1600 Fight Night Rd 3 2000 Bingo 2300 Spades

Now playing at the base theater

All movies and showtimes subject to change

Sunday	2000 Astronaut Farmer 2200 Breach	2200 Wild Hogs
1930 28 Weeks Later 2200 Reno 911: Miami		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
0100 Hannibal Rising 0330 Music & Lyrics 0700 TCN Escort Briefing 0900 GuessWho 1100 The Number 23 1300 379th ECS Seminar 1700 Rush Hour 2 1930 Breach 2200 Reno 911: Miami	0030 The Good Shepherd 0400 Rush Hour 2 0530 Layer Cake 0800 Exit Wounds 1100 28 Days Later 1300 28 Weeks Later 1600 The Black Knight 2000 The Number 23 2200 Reno 911: Miami	0130 Kingdom of Heaven 0300 Garden State 0630 Right Start Briefing 1100 The Brothers 1400 Hannibal Rising 1700 The Number 23 2000 Ghost Rider 2200 28 Weeks Later
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
0100 Gladiator 0400 Con Air 0600 Kingdom of Heaven 0900 Ghost Rider 1200 Black Knight 1600 Off Base Driver's Training 1800 Bridge to Terabithia	0100 28 Weeks Later 0300 Ghost Rider 0500 Guess Who 0730 Letters From Iwo Jima 0930 Walking Tall 1300 379th ECS Seminar 1630 OGV Jump Start Briefing 2000 Breach	0030 Blade: Trinity 0300 Deja Vu 0800 Off Base Driver's Training 1000 28 Weeks Later 1200 The Pursuit of Happyness 1630 The Good Shepherd 2000 The Astronaut Farmer 2200 Reno 911: Miami 2400 Off Base Driver's Training

Now playing at the CAC

All movies and showtimes subject to change

Sunday	0700/1900 My Super Ex-Girlfriend 1000/2200 Ali	Going for Gold 1000/2200 Joe Somebody
1600 Duplex 1900 Eragon 2200 Lord of the Rings I		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
0100/1300 13 Going on 30 0400/1600 Hotel Rwanda 0700/1900 Mr. Smith Goes to Washington 1000/2200 Blood Diamond	0100/1300 Rocky Balboa 0400/1600 Mystery Men 0700/1900 A Time to Kill 1000/2200 Lord of the Rings 2	0100/1300 Napoleon Dynamite 0400/1600 Planet of the Apes 0700/1900 John Q 1000/2200 Lord of the Rings 3
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
0100/1300 American Hstry X 0400/1600 O Brother Where Art Thou?	0100/1300 Thank You for Smoking 0400/1600 The Rundown 0700/1900 Cutting Edge,	0100/1300 Major Payne 0400/1600 Pitch Black 0700/1900 My Cousin Vinny 1000/2200 Street Fighter



Sunday, Dinner: crispy baked chick, Italian sausage w/pepper or onions, macaroni & cheese, scalloped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, carrots, chick gravy, chick noodle soup **Snack:** Buffalo wings, cheese sticks, cherry cobbler, chick breast, fries **special bar:** Oriental **Monday, Midnight:** Syrian beef stew, steamed rice, cauliflower, steamed rice waffles, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** Southern fried catfish, meatloaf, O'Brien potatoes, steamed rice, peas & carrots, natural gravy, rolls, French onion **Dinner:** baked chick, baked ham, cornbread, mashed potatoes, wax beans, fried okra, brown grvy, bns w/ bacon **Snack:** shredded pork sandwich, BBQ beef, peach cobbler, chick breast, curly fries **Specialty:** taco **Tuesday, Midnight:** pepper steak, mashed potatoes, cabbage, French toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** pepper steak, fried chick, (fried fish on bar), fried rice, mashed potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, vegetable soup, beef noodle **Dinner:** yakisoba w/ ground beef, chick jambalaya, steamed rice, scalloped potatoes, mix corn, french cut green beans, vegetable soup, beef noodle **Snack:** fish sandwich, nachos, apple cobbler, chick breast, potato wedges **Specialty:** potato **Wednesday, Midnight:** beef pot pie, fried rice, mix veggies, pancakes, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** baked fish, beef pot pie, potatoes au gratin, steamed rice, mix veg, green beans, brown gravy, & tomato soup **Dinner:** grilled steak, fried shrimp, noodles Jefferson, rice pilaf, corn on the cob, peas & carrots, brown gravy, tomato soup **Snack:** corn dogs, pizza, cherry cobbler, chick breast, fries **Specialty:** gyro **Thursday, Midnight:** sweet & sour chick, simmered potatoes, carrots, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** Yankee pot roast, sweet-n-sour chick, simmered potatoes, Filipino rice, black eye peas, carrots, turkey gravy, garden vegetable soup **Dinner:** stir fry beef & broccoli, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, pea & pepper rice, mashed potatoes, mustard greens, succotash, turkey gravy, garden veg soup **Snack:** BBQ pork, jalapeño poppers, chick ribs, lemon fried fish, peach cobbler, chick breast, curly fries **Special:** potato **Friday, midnight:** baked fish, steamed rice, veg stir fry, French toast sticks, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon, sausage, burritos **Lunch:** beef marcala, chick korma, biriyani rice, sobji bahji, broccoli, peas w/ onions, pepper pot soup **Dinner:** savory baked chick, blackened catfish, steamed rice, baked potato, summer squash, asparagus, brown gravy, pepper pot soup **Snack:** steak & cheese sub, calzones, apple cobbler, chick breast, fries **Specialty:** pasta **Saturday, midnight:** steak smothered w/ onions, baked potatoes, green beans, pancakes, oatmeal, grits, fried rice, bacon belly burrito **Lunch:** roast beef w/ mushrooms, turkey pot pie, roast turkey, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, fr grn bns, chick grvy, crm / mshrm **Dinner:** chick teryki, bf stw, egg ndles, mac & cheese, okra, peas, chick grvy, crm/mshrm **Snack:** enchiladas, chick fillet, cherry cbblr, chick brst, onion rings **Specialty:** gyro



JSTARS maintainers keep aircraft flying

379th Air Expeditionary Wing maintainers give the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft a thorough inspection from nose to tail, top to bottom. Staff Sgt. Michael Johnson, 116th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, changes a filter in the generator as a part of the inspection. This airborne battle management; command and control; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform provides theater ground air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting.



379th maintainers perform preventative maintenance

Staff Sgt. Richard Routh, 116th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, works on an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System. After the Joint STARS aircraft flies either 700 hours or for nine months, whichever comes first, the aircraft requires three days of preventative maintenance, otherwise known as a 700-hour inspection. (Photos by Capt. Teresa Sullivan)